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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF COSTA RICA
FOR GOATS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, peste de petit ruminantes, *Brucella melitensis* and contagious caprine pleuropneumonia.
2. The farm/herd of origin has had no clinical evidence of scrapie in the 5 years prior to embarkation.
3. The farm of origin has had no clinical evidence in the last 12 months of the following diseases: enzootic abortion, paratuberculosis, tuberculosis, vibriosis, malignant catarrhal fever, contagious ecthyma (sore mouth), bluetongue, contagious agalactia, pulmonary adenomatosis, and caprine arthritis encephalitis (CAE).
4. The animals were treated for internal and external parasites within 30 days prior to exportation (note dates and product used on the health certificate. The treatment must be effective against the hepatic and pulmonary forms of internal parasites).
5. The animals were isolated from animals not tested for exportation to Costa Rica from the date of the first test until embarkation.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were tested with negative results for the following diseases within 30 days prior to embarkation:

1. Tuberculosis - intradermal caudal fold test.
2. CAE - agar gel immunodiffusion test; OR ELISA test.

VACCINATIONS

1. The animals were vaccinated for enterotoxemia and tetanus (show date of vaccination and type of vaccines used on the health certificate).

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Consular stamping is no longer required.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.